

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 16 are currently amended;

Claims 2-15 and 17-27 are original.

Applicants propose amending independent claims 1 and 16 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of presenting an audiovisual signal to a user's audiovisual display monitor comprising:

receiving a command from the user;

responding to the command by assigning an assignable computing device (ACD) to the particular user only, such that the ACD is not available for concurrent communication with other users;

establishing a communications link between the user's audiovisual display monitor and the ACD;

presenting a menu containing a selection of video programs to the user's audiovisual display monitor with the ACD, wherein said video programs are stored on one or more ACDs;

selecting one of the video programs for display; and

routing said selected video program to the user's audiovisual display monitor.

2. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein presenting includes:

displaying graphical images representative of buttons on the user's audiovisual display monitor.

3. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein establishing includes:

receiving commands from an in-room communication device with the ACD; and

responding to said commands with responsive graphical images displayed on the user's audiovisual display monitor.

4. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 3, wherein receiving commands include:

demodulating an RF signal containing said commands received over said communications link.

5. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 3, wherein said responding to said commands include:

modulating an RF carrier with a signal carrying said responsive graphical images; and

transmitting said RF carrier to the user's audiovisual display monitor.

6. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 4, wherein said commands select the one of the video programs for display.

7. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said presenting includes:

presenting a series of menus containing a selection of video programming to the user's audiovisual display monitor.

8. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 7, wherein said series of menus reflects the currently available video programs.

9. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 7, wherein said series of menus reflects a set of user preferences.

10. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein routing said selected video program includes;

obtaining the video signal from an audiovisual serving device to the user's video modulating the video signal onto an RF carrier; and
transmitting said RF carrier to the user's audiovisual display monitor.

11. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the ACD causes the selected video program to be transmitted over the communications link to the user's audiovisual display monitor.

12. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein a host computing device in communication with the ACD causes the video program to be transmitted over the communications link to the user's audiovisual display.

13. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:
breaking said communications link between the user and the ACD in
response to selecting; and
establishing another communications link between an audiovisual
server device having stored thereon the selected video program and the user's
audiovisual display monitor.

14. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, further comprising:
presenting a broadcast channel on the user's audiovisual display
monitor prior to said receiving.

15. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said
responding further includes:

having a host computing device in communication with the user's
audiovisual display monitor assign an ACD to the user.

16. (Currently amended) An apparatus for presenting an audiovisual signal to a
user's audiovisual display monitor comprising:

a programming subsystem;
a Room Communication Subsystem (RCS);
a Site Management Subsystem (SMS);
said RCS connecting a plurality of user's audiovisual display
monitors to the system;

said programming subsystem including a plurality of audiovisual
serving devices communicating with the user's audiovisual display monitor over
said RCS; and

said SMS assigning an Assignable Computing Device (ACD) audiovisual serving device to a particular user, such that the ACD is not available for concurrent communication with other users, to present a menu containing a selection of video programs to the particular user's audiovisual display monitor over said RCS, wherein said video programs are stored on one or more ACDs.

17. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein said menu display image is representative of buttons on user's audiovisual display monitor.

18. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein said ACD receives commands from an in-room communication device; and responds to said commands with a responsive display image on the user's audiovisual display monitor.

19. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 18 wherein receiving said commands includes demodulating an RF signal containing said commands received over said RCS.

20. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 18 wherein responding to said commands includes:

modulating an RF carries with a signal carrying said responsive display images; and

transmitting said RF carries to the user's audiovisual display monitor.

21. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 18 wherein said commands select the video programs for display.

22. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein said ACD

presents a series of menus containing a selection of video programs to the user's audiovisual display monitor.

23. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 22 wherein said series of menus reflects the currently available video programs.

24. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 22 wherein said series of menus reflects a set of user preferences.

25. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein said SMS in communication with said ACD causes a video program to be transmitted by said programming subsystem to the user's audiovisual display monitor.

26. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein selecting a video program from said menu breaks the communications links between said ACD and the user's audiovisual display monitor.

27. (Original) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 wherein said programming subsystem presents a broadcast channel prior to said ACD presenting said menu.